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SUBJ: APPARENT ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGE OF WEAPONS BY POLICE GUARDS

AT ADANA CONSULATE

1. ON 12 AUG LANDLADY OF BUILDING IN WHICH CONSULATE OCCUPIES GROUND FLOOR RUSHED INTO CONSULATE AND IN GREAT AGITATION ANNOUNCED THAT TWO BULLET HOLES HAD BEEN FOUND IN THE SEMI-EXPOSED GLASSED EXTERNAL STAIRWAY LEADING TO THE UPPER FLOOR APARTMENTS OCCUPIED BY HERSELF AND TWO OTHER TURKISH FAMILIES. ASSUMING THAT THE SHOTS HAD BEEN INTENDED FOR THE CONSULATE, SHE ANNOUNCED HYSTERICALLY THAT SHE COULD NO LONGER STAND THE TENSION AND INSECURITY SHE FELT DUE TO OUR PRESENCE IN HER BUILDING AND THAT THEREFORE WE WOULD HAVE TO

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LEAVE.

2. POLICE INVESTIGATORS TODAY CONCLUDED THAT EARLIER IN WEEK A POLICE GUARD AT THE CONSULATE HAD ACCIDENTALLY DISCHARGED TWO ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION WHILE CLEANING HIS AUTOMATIC WEAPON. OUT OF EMBARRASSMENT HE HAD FAILED TO REPORT INCIDENT AT TIME.

3. IN VIEW FACT THAT IT OBVIOUS FROM ANGLE OF PENETRATION THAT BULLETS

WERE FIRED FROM BUILDING DRIVEWAY, WITHIN COMPOUND, AND AT RIGHT ANGLES TO AREA OCCUPIED BY CONSULATE, WE ACCEPT POLICE EXPLANATION AND FULLY DISCOUNT ANY POSSIBILITY THAT CONSULATE WAS AN INTENDED
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TARGET. WE ARE, HOWEVER, CONCERNED ABOUT REACTION OF OUR LANDLADY.

ALTHOUGH NO DOUBT REASSURED BY POLICE REPORT, SHE AND HER NEPHEW (NOW IN TOP FLOOR APARTMENT FORMERLY LEASED BY CONSULATE), HAVE FOR SOME TIME BEEN CONVEYING TO US IN VARIOUS WAYS, SOME NOT VERY SUBTLE, THAT THEY WOULD NOT BE DISAPPOINTED TO SEE US MOVE. THUS WE THINK IT QUITE LIKELY THAT SHE WILL NOT WISH TO RENEW LEASE WHEN IT EXPIRES IN OCTOBER 1976.

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